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Timely Tidbits ...

St. Aloysius Festival

The annual St. Aloysius Festival will run from Friday, August 22, through Sunday, August 24. See pages 8 and 9 for details.

Back to School!

Just a friendly reminder that students attending the Romulus Community Schools will report for their first full day of classes on Wednesday, August 27.

Construction Moves Site for RHS Game #1

Construction work at Romulus Middle School has led to a change of venue for the first "home" game played by the Romulus High School varsity football team. The Eagles' contest against Fordson will take place at Belleville High School on Friday, August 29, at 7 p.m.

For a complete schedule of the district's fall sports lineup, please see pages 10 and 11.

Audition for Festival's "American Idol" Show

Romulus residents only can audition for the Pumpkin Festival's "American Idol" show at the Recreation Center (located at 36515 Bibbins in downtown Romulus) on Saturday, September 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. Three finalists will be chosen from the following categories: adults (18+), teens (14-17), and juniors (10-13), and will compete for a cash prize on September 20. Rules and applications may be picked up at the Rec Center.

Childhood Task Force

State Representatives Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) has announced that a blue-ribbon task force on early education and child care will hold a public hearing at the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency (located at 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne) on Monday, August 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. The task force, formed earlier this year, is made up of a cross-section of private citizens and experts on child development.

Concerned citizens are urged to attend and be heard. □

Blackout Spotlights Citizens' Character

By Kristi Stephens

When the lights went out, Romulus shone its brightest.

Just as it did in so many other northeastern U.S. communities, the so-called Blackout of 2003 served to showcase the fine character of our city's residents. Everywhere you turned, people were working together to insure the health, safety, and comfort of those in need.

A case in point involved assistance given to local senior citizens.

"Some time ago, Romulus Tower manager Melissa Morton and I began working on Fun Fest, a gala event that we scheduled for Friday, August 15," said Linda Norman, program coordinator for the Romulus Senior Center. "Instead of cancelling the program due to the power outage and the hot, humid weather, we altered the day's agenda and hosted a Help Fest instead."

Norman had strong praise for her volunteers.

"I had several dedicated employees stay and work the event in the extreme heat, even though they did not have to," she said. "Alice Gilbert, Sylvia Dubisky, Gayle Mach, and Louis Mitchell cooked, delivered meals to the Romulus Tower, delivered meals to shut-ins, and even took some food to the Romulus Police Station. I was proud and blessed to have such caring people helping out. I can't thank them enough."

Norman also expressed her gratitude to Help Fest's co-sponsors from the senior-citizen apartment building across the street.

"The Romulus Tower staff – Melissa Morton, Helene Hoffman, Cindy Semczuk, Randy Dumas, and Todd Remily – were truly dedicated to caring for their residents," she noted. "They helped provide them with breakfast and dinner, and also monitored their well-being."

"It is people like these – the ones who go the extra mile – who make a difference in our world," she concluded.

Similar tales of neighbor helping neighbor were common throughout the city, according to Jerry Champagne, deputy chief of the Romulus Police Department. In fact, Champagne shared several stories about the kindness that his fellow officers and local firefighters received from other members of the community.

"The Super 'J' Food Market at Ecorse and Merriman donated charcoal and other supplies for cooking, and Romu-



Help Fest's co-organizers – Linda Norman (back, left) and Melissa Morton (back, right) – were proud of staff members who helped to make seniors more comfortable during the blackout. They included Cynthia Semczuk (back, center) as well as (front, from left) Gayle Mach, Helene Hoffman, and Louis Mitchell.

lus Market Place supplied us with food," he noted. "We were also grateful to the BP service station at Middlebelt and Eureka, which donated bottled water for our firefighters."

Champagne had additional messages of thanks to Stacy Greene, account manager at Grainger Industrial Supply on Middlebelt, who stopped in Friday morning to offer her company's help, and also to Herkimer Radio Service in Monroe, which bent over backward to help with a communications glitch.

"When the Romulus Tower apartment building lost power, so did one of our transmitter antennas that's located there," Champagne explained. "Our backup radio in the shift command office allowed us to maintain communications, but its signal isn't as powerful."

"With the help of the good people at Herkimer Radio Service, we were able to hook up the Romulus Tower antenna to a generator of our own," he continued. "We had it up and running in about two and a half hours."

Champagne reported that, other than the antenna problem, department operations went smoothly throughout the blackout. One big reason, he said, was advance preparation.

"Our officers receive regular training in emergency management," he stated. "We do our best to plan for all contingencies."

Champagne was especially proud

of the fact that so many off-duty officers called in to see if they were needed, rather than waiting to see if the department would call them.

"They contacted us as soon as they could and let us know that they were available whenever we wanted them," noted Champagne, who – along with Mayor Alan R. Lambert, public safety director Charles Kirby, and detective lieutenant John Leacher – remained at the department throughout the night Thursday. "Thanks to their willingness to step up and help, we were able to schedule three additional officers for each shift throughout the emergency."

Fortunately, this proved to be more than enough manpower, since the blackout generated few extra calls and the city remained calm.

"Other than eight false burglary alarms triggered by the loss of power, and four rescue calls from patients whose oxygen was running low, calls to our department weren't much different than usual," Champagne explained. "As a preventive measure, we did send officers to direct traffic at two service stations that were open during the blackout [BP at Eureka and Middlebelt, and Mobil at Wayne and Goddard]. Otherwise, it was mostly business as usual since the citizens had everything under control."

"They were the real heroes of the blackout, and deserve the biggest thanks of all," he concluded. □

Letters to the Editor

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Health Center Update

To the Romulus community:

Students and parents of Romulus may remember that the Romulus Adolescent Health Center came close to being closed in December 2001. However, after hearing from parents, students, educators, and health-care professionals about the importance of meeting the health-care needs of young people, state representatives restored funding. At the present time, the future of the Romulus Adolescent Health Center looks favorable.

What Does It Cost to Use the Health Center?

Students have always been able to get affordable health care at the teen health center and, as always, the mission of the teen health center is to continue to provide health services regardless of ability to pay.

Due to State requirements, the teen health center must make a concerted effort to seek reimbursement from insurance companies for services that are covered. Romulus Adolescent Health Center staff will be asking students for their health insurance card and will be collecting a co-pay. It will be helpful if students carry their insurance cards with them.

Those without health insurance who can afford to pay will be asked to pay when they can.

Your student can still use the teen health center's low-cost services if covered by an HMO, but you will be asked to pay an affordable fee. Currently, the center's fee schedule is under review and therefore subject to change.

Services are confidential, and staff will work discreetly with clients to determine how to cover costs.

The RAHC looks forward to continuing to provide quality health care to Romulus young people ages 10 to 21.

Health Insurance Available for All Children

The State of Michigan offers MI-Child health insurance to every uninsured child age 0 to 19. It's easy to see if your children are eligible. Teen health center staff will help you apply, and you will know if you qualify before you leave the office. If your family does qualify, you will pay just \$60 per year for all your children. That's \$5 per month for the whole gang.

Get Your Needed Immunizations and Physicals Now

Now would be a good time to schedule an appointment for school or sports physicals. Physicals are still only \$20, and immunizations are \$5 for one or \$10 for two or more. Call 734-941-1400.

Sincerely,
Diane Vidovic, director
Romulus Adolescent Health Center

RCMA Protests Track

To the Romulus community:

The Romulus Christian Ministerial Association would like to take just a few minutes of your time to talk with you about an issue that has significance to both the spiritual and economic base of our community.

You are probably aware that Magna Corporation is proposing to build a horse racetrack in Romulus. They have secured property in our city, applied for a gaming license, and made several multimedia presentations to City officials. The proposal would include simulcast betting and casino-style slot machines to insure its economic viability. This is almost a done deal. At this time, the Mayor and all of the City Council supports this proposal with the exception of one councilperson.

In the past, when gambling or horseracing was proposed in other cities, the opposition was almost always from the spiritual community. However, in the minds of local leadership, the promise of economic gains outweighed the concerns expressed, and approvals were given. The gambling proponents did many things to persuade local leaders, as well as the clergy, to get their buy in or to have them stop their resistance. This happened in Detroit and has already started in Romulus. Magna Corporation has promised to build the city an animal shelter, which is a pet (no pun intended) project of several of the key city officials.

We would like to make it clear that the clergy is 100% supportive of economic growth and prosperity for our city. Our members and our churches suffer just like your businesses when we have

difficult economic times. However, we are not willing to support something that is morally wrong that proposes to improve our economy. We would lose the favor of God in doing so, and the evidence is abundantly clear that those cities that have approved gambling have not prospered as promised.

Our appeal to you as a member of this community is not purely from a spiritual perspective. If you lay the spiritual concerns aside and look at the social and economic impact on an area when gambling comes in, on the balance, it is a net loss.

A *Detroit News* special report (dated July 6, 2003) on the subject of gambling in Detroit sort of summarizes what happens economically:

"For all their economic activity, Detroit's casinos have done little more than recycle local money that used to be spent elsewhere, experts say. Businesses from lottery retailers to race-tracks, from booksellers to bars, from music producers to mortgage lenders, all have lost income or otherwise witnessed economic fallout from the casinos."

The bottom line is this: businesses lose money when gambling comes to town. This has proven to be true in Atlantic City, St. Louis, and many other areas.

Please consider the impact that a horseracing track might have on your community. Clearly, the cost of gambling far outweighs any benefit.

Your voice against this proposal really will make a difference. Please consider calling or writing the City with your concerns.

Thanks for your time and your consideration.

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(RCMA president and pastor of the
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Community Calendar

- **Blood Drive** – Trooper Harris of the Michigan State Police Department's Metro South Post #25 (12111 Telegraph Road, Taylor) is asking the community to join him in support of a Red Cross blood drive set for Thursday, August 29, from 12 to 6 p.m. For more information, call 734-287-5000.
- **Fund-raiser Benefits Romulus Community Schools Choir Program** – For a three-week period beginning on September 1, Romulus residents will be receiving phone calls between the hours of 3 and 9 p.m., asking for their support of a fund-raiser to benefit the Romulus Community Schools choir program. A choice of quality pizzas, gourmet coffee samplers, Amish-style fudge, chunky chocolate chip and sugar cookie dough, tool sets, bumblebee and dragonfly candle-holders, extra-life light bulbs, first-aid kits, fire extinguishers, and trash bags will be offered at very reasonable prices, then delivered to your door at no extra charge (with no gratuity required, either). Your order – and your support of our very talented students – will be greatly appreciated.
- **Fish Dinner at St. Paul's Church** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) is inviting everyone to stop in for a delicious fish dinner (baked or fried cod, fries, macaroni & cheese, vegetable, cole slaw, roll, dessert, and beverage) on Friday, September 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. (Carry-out also available.) Cost is just \$7 for a two-piece dinner, or \$8 for a three-piece meal. For more information, call the Church at 734-753-9048.
- **St. Aloysius Plans Benefit Golf Outing** – St. Aloysius Catholic School's Usher Club will host its first annual golf-outing fund-raiser at Shady Hollow Golf Course on Thursday, September 11. An \$85-per-person cost covers golf (4-person scramble; 9 a.m. shotgun start), cart, dinner, prizes. Contact Steve Kertez (734-753-4379), Chuck Shonta (734-941-0503), Steve Weatherholt (734-502-0100), or Gil White (734-941-1214) for more information.
- **Women's Chorus Seeks New Members** – County Connection Chorus, a women's *a capella* group affiliated with Sweet Adelines, meets each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at UAW Local #898 (8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti). Women interested in receiving free vocal lessons are encouraged to attend. The chorus specializes in four-part barbershop harmony with a repertoire that includes Broadway classics, pop, gospel, and barbershop standards. For further information, visit www.sweetadelines.org or call 734-480-8843.
- **Local Businesses Host Weekly "Cruise Night" Events** – Come out for old-fashioned "Cruise Night" fun throughout the summer outside Walter's Bar/Romulus Lanes (located at 37452 Huron River Drive) each Wednesday beginning at 6 p.m. (co-sponsored by Romulus Auto Supply), and at Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers (15155 Huron River Drive) every Thursday starting at 5 p.m. All are welcome.
- **School Board Meetings on Channel 19** – Regular meetings of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, held on the second and fourth Monday of each month, are broadcast on cable channel 19 the following Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m., and Sunday at 6 p.m.
- **Adult Education Programs** – Catalogues for the Romulus/Van Buren Adult Education Center's fall classes have been mailed to all Romulus and Belleville households. Contents include GED and high-school-completion programs, Certified Nurse Assistant and Medical First Responder classes, the Community High School program, enrichment classes, and swimming schedules for the new pool facility at Romulus High School, as well as registration information. To learn more, please call 734-532-1953.
- **St. Aloysius School Now Accepting Applications** – St. Aloysius Catholic School – located at 37200 Neville Road in Romulus – is now accepting enrollment applications for the 2003–2004 school year. Among the attractions listed by spokespersons for the school: well-rounded education for grades kindergarten through eight; a solid foundation in Christian values; a secure-structured learning environment; small class sizes for personalized attention; instruction in computer/Internet skills; State-certified teachers; a daily hot-lunch program; bus transportation for Romulus residents; affordable tuition; and partial scholarships for qualified students. For more information, call 734-941-3340.

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By Rikki Strobos

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One glance at the menu, and you'll realize that he's not exaggerating. For starters, there's a breakfast menu featuring good, hearty fare such as steak & eggs, biscuits & gravy, and more than a dozen varieties of four-egg omelettes. Lunch specials vary from burgers to gyros to fish. For dinner, there's steak, seafood, chicken, pork chops ... even liver & onions! And, of course, there's a wide variety of soups, salads, sandwiches, and sides.

Although Chris and Rozie are just 31 and 23, respectively, the Albanian natives have a total of 20 years' experi-

ence in restaurant work between them. Both have dreamed of owning their own family business since coming to the U.S. 15 years ago, and they're proud to have adopted the slogan, "Where quality still counts."

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Chris said that his entire family loves to cook, so there's always someone on hand to make what you want the way you want it. Brother Eddie, sister Vera, nephew Al, and cousin Tony all take turns in the kitchen, while waitresses Julie, Hailey, Tanya, Chelsea, and Sarah keep busy serving.

Rocky's Coney Island – located at 5727 Wayne Road in Wayne – is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 734-467-8030.

Reunion Celebrates APA Anniversary



(From left) Della Hendricks, Marie Butler, Roy Cortez Butler, Pat Watson, Herb Buckley, Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert, Diane Banks, Willie Watson, Elsie (Frazier) Trivedi, and Essie Haymon were just a few of the many people on hand to help the American Progressive Association celebrate its 62nd anniversary at the Jones Sub Reunion, held the weekend of August 8–10 at the Thomas J. Coleman Center on Beverly. Among the event's attractions were a picnic and a gospel music program.

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Clark Welcomed Back

WELCOME BACK Ed!



Joel R. Carr (left), superintendent of the Romulus Community Schools, was among the first to welcome Edward Clark, director of human resources, when he returned to work following quadruple-bypass surgery.



Among those attending a party in Clark's honor were (from left) Sharon Silveri, principal of Halecreek Elementary School, and secretaries Stacy Paige (Halecreek), Carole Bales (superintendent's office); Paula Smith (athletics), and Robin Omev (human resources).



Clark proudly displays a cake (bearing the message "Welcome back, Ed") that was served at the party.

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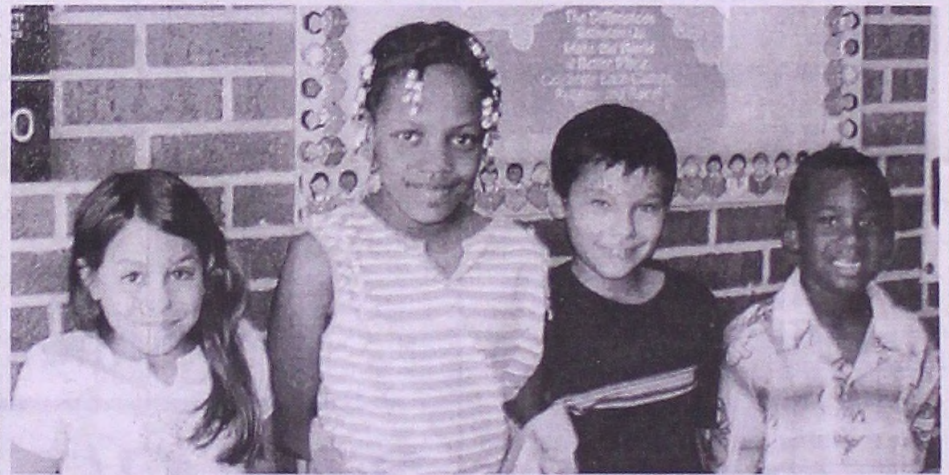
Romulus basketball players who took part in Summer League play at RHS included: (from left) front – Avery Stephenson, DeMarvelous Carter, Josh Brown, Anré Partée, and Dwight Talley; back – Keaton Armstrong and Danté Williams.



Enjoying the recreation program at Halecreek – which featured activities such as roller-blading, scavenger hunts, bug collecting, and water fun – were (from left) Bria Jones, Carl Isaacs, Dakota Tarczynski, Ashley Robinson, Malik Golston, and Elliot Bragg.



Teachers Andrea Jurk (left) and Cynthia Mitchell (right) congratulated RMS students like (from left) Evans Paillere, Felicia Martin, Megan Watson, Taurean Bradley, Terrell Daniels, and Alan Jones on their successful participation in a fun, character-building leadership camp.



Among the many children who enjoyed a variety of special summer activities at the Romulus Boys & Girls Club's Merriman Elementary site were (from left) Katie Smith, Jazmin Brooks, Dominic Folgado, and D.J. Alise.



During a recent Board of Education meeting, Middle School students Sarah Johnson (left) and Desirea Yates received a commendation from yearbook coordinator Gail Fraley for their outstanding work on the school's 2003 yearbook.



Students like India Best (left) and Dazmen Battle (pictured here with tutor Carrie Keeler), who attended classes at the Merriman Elementary site, got to take part in Boys & Girls Club recreation events before and after lessons.

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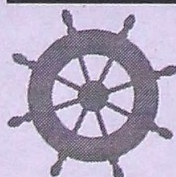
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Alas, the end of summer is near, but Romulus-area residents can finish it off with a bang by attending the 53rd annual St. Aloysius Festival.

Everyone is invited to take part in this "local institution," which will be held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church on Friday, August 22, from 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, August 23, from 1 p.m. to midnight; and Sunday, August 24, from 1 to 9 p.m. (See the advertisement at left for directions to the festival site.)

Highlights include:

Las Vegas Games

For many festival-goers, one of the biggest attractions is the Las Vegas tent, where adults (age 18 and older) can try their luck at the game of blackjack. Betting varies from a minimum of \$1 to a maximum of \$5, with a maximum winnings per person per day of \$500. This year, the tent will be open throughout the festival.

Bingo!

For diehard bingo fans, a festival just isn't a festival without a chance to indulge in their favorite pastime – and, luckily for them, the St. Aloysius Festival will again feature play throughout the entire weekend. Cards for the 50/50 games (half the income collected from each game is used for prize money) are two for a quarter per game.

Raffles

Of course, the easiest way to try your luck is to invest in one or two (or three or four or ...) raffle tickets. Ticket-buyers can choose between the 50/50 Hourly Raffle (\$1 tickets; cash prizes of half the money from each hour's sales) or the One-for-\$1/Six-for-\$5 Raffle (three large prizes: \$5,000, \$1,000, and \$500).

Better yet, since the proceeds from all raffles benefit the St. Aloysius General Fund, why not buy plenty of each?

Carnival Rides

What's a festival without rides? Fortunately, the St. Aloysius Festival will offer enough of them to satisfy your kids' biggest carnival cravings.

Games/Arcade

Because the St. Aloysius Festival is meant to be a special event enjoyed by the entire community, those who put together the "games and arcade" section of the festival try their best to offer a mixture of attractions for wide appeal. Both the young and the young-at-heart will enjoy "checking out" this year's old favorites and new challenges.

Entertainment

Music will again be the backbone of the free entertainment at the St. Aloysius Festival. Come out to listen and/or dance to the music of Angie Black (Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.), the Majestics (Friday from 7 to 11 p.m.), Duane Malinowski (Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m.), Channel 6 (Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m.), Pan Franek (Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Ed Zelenak (Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m.).

Other attractions will include a Clas-

sic Car Show (Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m.), a performance by the Northern Stars Dance Group (Sunday from 4 to 5 p.m.), and a performance by the Nigerian Sisters (Sunday at 5 p.m.).

Dunk Tank

This year's dunk tank, sponsored by the St. Aloysius Youth Group, will feature a lineup of youngsters who are actually looking forward to a good soaking! Be sure to stop by and test your aim.

Crafts/White Elephant Sale

Twenty eight-foot tables will be covered with everything from Christmas gifts to baked goods. It's a great way to get a jump on your holiday shopping!

Food ...

Of course, there will be plenty of delicious food! Visit the Dining Room on Friday between 5 and 8 p.m. for a Spaghetti Dinner and on Saturday from 3 to 7 p.m. for a Steak Fry Feast, then come back on Sunday between noon and 5 p.m. for an old-fashioned Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings.

Tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner are \$6 for adults/\$4 for children; Steak Fry tickets are \$8 each; and Chicken Dinner tickets are \$7 for adults/\$4 for children.

For more "traditional" carnival fare, stop by Hamburger Villa for hamburgers, hot dogs, kielbasa, pizza, chips, coffee, pop, and other refreshments.

... and Drink

This year's Spirit Tent will serve chips, pretzels, pop, and nonalcoholic "beer" in addition to wine, wine coolers, and beer by the pitcher and the cup.

Of course, you must be at least 21 years old to purchase alcohol.

Don't Forget To Say "Thanks"

The repeated success of the St. Aloysius Festival is the result of a lot of hard work performed by many dedicated people. So, while you're enjoying yourself, take some time to thank the many volunteers who make the fun happen, especially Father Festus Ejimadu, festival chairperson Nancy K. Farmer, co-chairperson Cathy Freitag, and the various activities chairpersons:

- Kris Moe (Finance);
- Madeline Arkuski (Advertising);
- Boy Scouts Pack #872 (Parking);
- Dunk Tank (St. Aloysius Youth Group);
- Dave Coomer (Las Vegas Games);
- Frank Orr (Hourly 50/50 Raffle);
- Joe Ozog (Bingo!);
- Rose Jasso (Games/Arcade);
- George Mennie (Car Show);
- Jane Wertz and Nicole McCraight (Crafts);
- Georgeann Taylor (White Elephant);
- Colleen Ottenbreit (Spaghetti Dinner);
- Randy and Joanne Prater (Steak Fry);
- Ron and Gloria Ferrebee (Chicken Dinner);
- Denise Kovacs, Candy Lewkowicz, and Karen Wilhide (Dining Room);
- Steve Kertesz (Hamburger Villa); and
- Tim and Cindy Rhoton (Spirit Tent).

RHS Boys' X-Country**(Blue Division)**

- Romulus at Crestwood Jamboree* (Thurs., Sept. 11, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Kennedy (Thurs., Sept. 18, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Jefferson (Sat., Sept. 20, TBD)
- Romulus at Allen Park Jamboree* (Thurs., Sept. 26, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Thurs., Oct. 2, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park Jamboree* (Thurs., Oct. 16, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Redford Union Invitational (at Cass Benton) (Fri., Oct. 24, 4 p.m.)

*Allen Park, Crestwood, Garden City, Lincoln Park, and Romulus

Schedule subject to change

RMS Girls' Basketball**(Blue Division)**

- Romulus at Brake (Mon., Sept. 15, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti East (Wed., Sept. 17, 3:45 p.m.)
- West at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 22, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti West at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 24, 3:45 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 29, 3:45 p.m.)
- Brake at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 1, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti East at Romulus (Mon., Oct. 6, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at West (Wed., Oct. 8, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti West (Mon., Oct. 13, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Wed., Oct. 15, 3:45 p.m.)

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RMS Football**(Blue Division)**

- Robichaud at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 17, 4 p.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 24, 4 p.m.)
- Best at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 1, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Hilbert (Wed., Oct. 8, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Wed., Oct. 15, 4 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 22, 4 p.m.)

Schedule subject to change

RHS Girls' Basketball**VARSITY/JV (White Division)**

- Romulus at Benedictine (Thurs., Aug. 28, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wyandotte (Tues., Sept. 2, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Thurs., Sept. 4, 5:30 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Tues., Sept. 9, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Renaissance Classic (V) (Fri., Sept. 12, TBD)
- Wayne at Romulus (Tues., Sept. 16, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe (Thurs., Sept. 18, 5:30 p.m.)
- Truman at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 25, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Woodhaven (Thurs., Oct. 2, 5:30 p.m.)
- Trenton at Romulus (Tues., Oct. 7, 5:30 p.m.)
- Edsel Ford at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 9, 5:30 p.m.)
- Garden City at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 16, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Dearborn (Tues., Oct. 21, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Thurs., Oct. 23, 5:30 p.m.)
- Woodhaven at Romulus (Tues., Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Trenton (Thurs., Oct. 30, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Edsel Ford (Tues., Nov. 4, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Kennedy (Thurs., Nov. 6, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Garden City (Tues., Nov. 11, 5:30 p.m.)
- Dearborn at Romulus (Thurs., Nov. 13, 5:30 p.m.)

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RHS Boys' Soccer**VARSITY (Blue Division)**

- Romulus at Truman (Wed., Sept. 10, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Wed., Sept. 17, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson (Mon., Sept. 22, TBD)
- Romulus at Redford Union (Wed., Sept. 24, TBD)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 29, 4 p.m.)
- Truman at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 1, 4 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Mon., Oct. 6, 4 p.m.)
- Carlson at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 8, 4 p.m.)
- Redford Union at Romulus (Mon., Oct. 13, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Wed., Oct. 15, TBD)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Fri., Oct. 17, 4 p.m.)

Schedule subject to change

RHS Golf**(Gold Division)**

- Melvindale at Romulus (Wed., Aug. 27, 4 p.m.)
- Wayne at Romulus (Tues., Sept. 2, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Wed., Sept. 3, 4 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 8, 4 p.m.)
- Fordson at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 10, 4 p.m.)
- Truman at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 15, 4 p.m.)
- Melvindale at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 17, 4 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 22, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Wed., Sept. 24, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Fordson (Mon., Sept. 29, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Wed., Oct. 1, 4 p.m.)

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Among the seniors who will lead the Romulus High School Marching Eagles this season are (from left) Reese Williams, Ryan Tackett, Jonathan Wilkerson, Tiffany Ramsay, Neddy Pena, Anthony Foster, and LaJoya Orr (drum major).

Camp Will Boost Cheerleaders' Spirit



Attending Cheer America camp at U of M were: (from left) front – Sarah Ward and Novella Haugabook; middle – Danielle Butler, LaBrittany Franklin, Ebony Coleman, Lindsay Ransaw, and Carolyn Moore; back – Monique Solomon, Jessica Shelton, Danylle Molloy, and Megan Bearman.

RHS Football

VARSITY (White Division)

- Fordson vs. Romulus – to be played at Belleville High School due to construction at Romulus Middle School (Fri., Aug. 29, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Fri., Sept. 5, 7 p.m.)
- Southgate at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 12, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Garden City (Fri., Sept. 19, 7 p.m.)
- Crestwood at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 26, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Edsel Ford (Fri., Oct. 3, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Fri., Oct. 10, 7 p.m.)
- Truman at Romulus (Fri., Oct. 17, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville (Fri., Oct. 24, 7 p.m.)

JUNIOR VARSITY

- Romulus at Fordson (Thurs., Aug. 28, 4 p.m.)
- Allen Park at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 4, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Southgate (Thurs., Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m.)
- Garden City at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 18, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Crestwood (Thurs., Sept. 25, 7 p.m.)
- Edsel Ford at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 9, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Thurs., Oct. 16, 7 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 23, 7 p.m.)

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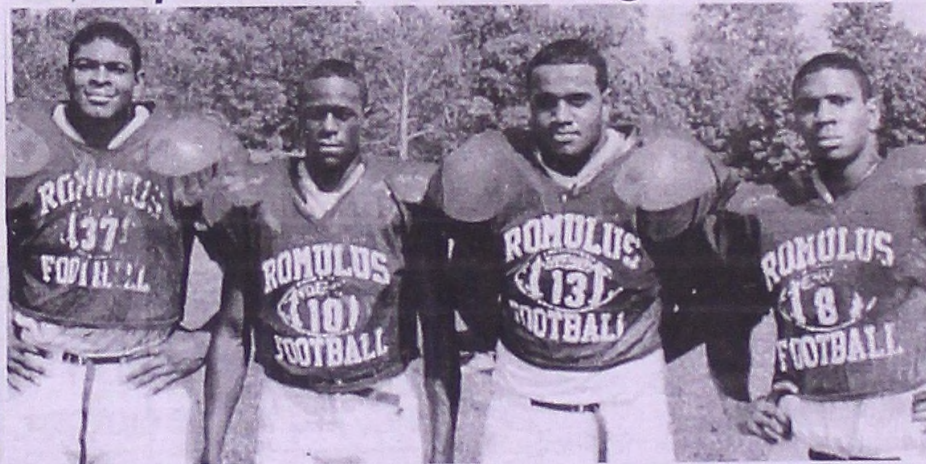
RHS Girls' Tennis

(Blue Division)

- Lincoln at Romulus (Tues., Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m.)
- Kickoff Scrimmage (Thurs., Aug. 21, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Wed., Aug. 27, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Jefferson (V) (Thurs., Aug. 28, 4 p.m.)
- Jefferson at Romulus (JV) (Thurs., Aug. 28, 4 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 3, 4 p.m.)
- Thurston at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 8, 4 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 10, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Redford Union (Fri., Sept. 12, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Annapolis (Mon., Sept. 15, 4 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 17, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Fri., Sept. 19, 4 p.m.)
- News-Herald Tournament at Romulus (Sat., Sept. 20, 8 a.m.)
- Romulus at Thurston (Wed., Sept. 24, 4 p.m.)
- Jefferson at Romulus (V) (Thurs., Sept. 25, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Jefferson (JV) (Thurs., Sept. 25, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Fri., Sept. 26, 4 p.m.)
- Redford Union at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 29, 4 p.m.)
- Annapolis at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 1, 4 p.m.)

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Co-captains Provide Strong Leadership



(From left) Jerry Collie, Roderick Poole, Jamar Bird, and Kyle Wasson – co-captains of the RHS Eagles football team – have demonstrated strong leadership thus far.

Lady Leaders Plan to Make Big Racket



Among the seniors expected to lead Romulus High School's Lady Eagles tennis team this fall are (from left) Carla Broom, Sabrina Gomes, and Amber Netter.

Barth's Parent Volunteers Are Among District's Most Active



Diane Golka (back, right), principal of Barth Elementary, is proud of her school's parent support group, which is among the most active in the district. Members include: (from left) front – Sue Mitchell (social worker), Aprelle Doktor, Barbara Ann Snyder (parent coordinator), Debbie Wilkewitz, Rich Littler, Joanne Littler, and Star Dailey-Bennett; middle – Paula Valentik, Jane Vernatter, Tracy Leininger, Teri Moffat, Jane Hammond, Dorothy West (learning specialist), and Theresa Blizman (intervention room specialist); back – Debbie Hearod, Shjeri Doktor, Salene Defelice, Jeff Alley, Patty Alley, Terri Herbert, Arthur Herbert, and Mark Hammond.

Barth Elementary has long been among the district's most active schools in the area of parent involvement. Parents have had a consistent record of outstanding attendance at group meetings as well as school functions.

Barbara Ann Snyder, parent coordinator at Barth, enjoys working with the group, and says she continues to be impressed with "enthusiastic approach" of the parents, adding, "Many of our parents are graduates of the Romulus Community Schools, and they bring their hometown/community pride with them."

Principal Diane Golka also enjoys her contact with the students' parents. "We have many outstanding stu-

dents at Barth, and their supportive parents have allowed us to achieve many things, including winning the coveted State of Michigan Golden Apple Award for two consecutive years."

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REGULAR MEETING, JULY 28, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 28, 2003, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Betty Lenossi.

Roll call showed all Board members present. Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, and Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Business and Operations, were present. Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, and Mr. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, were excused. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lenossi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

7/03/24 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

7/03/25 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer that the Board approve the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of July 14, 2003 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/03/25 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Buckley that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2003 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RESIGNATION – FYI: Diane Barwikowski, Custodian, High School, Effective July 21, 2003.

Bills for Payment

Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Business and Operations, arrived at 6:34 p.m.

7/03/27 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adoption of Board Resolution

7/03/28 Moved by Frayer supported by Woods that the Board adopt the resolution of commendation for Jonathan McLachlan for earning the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Badge. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Appointment of Board Member Committee

President Betty Lenossi appointed board committees as follows:

- Finance – Cheryle Buckley, Celeste Roscoe, and Michael Woods
- Policy – Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Celeste Roscoe, and Niema White
- Personnel – Cheryle Buckley, April Frayer, and Kenneth Mientkiewicz

Merriman Staff Appreciation

Jennifer Madison, Media Tech, Merriman Elementary, presented a PowerPoint presentation: Merriman Staff Appreciates Each Other.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Merriman Elementary School Year-end Report; 2) Wick Elementary School Year-end Report; 3) Halecreek Elementary School Year-end Report; 4) Cory Elementary School Year-end Report.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz remarked about the football field resurfacing being underway at the Middle School. Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, informed the Board that some of the extra dirt had been taken to the baseball field at the Middle School to level the field.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi remarked on the bushes looking nice at the Board Office. Mrs. Lenossi also questioned whether we were using outside painters in the buildings. Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations, stated that the district uses both outside painters and employees, depending on the amount of painting to be done.

Mrs. April Frayer asked about the status of calendars. Superintendent Carr informed the Board that the calendar would be down-sized this year due to cutbacks in funding.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/03/29 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Frayer, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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Summer Tennis



A summer tennis program for students in grades K-3 – offered by the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and taught by instructor Gina Carter (right) – was enjoyed by youngsters such as (from left) Amir Butler, Cassidy Sharich, and Cameron Barnes.



The summer tennis program for students in grades four through six proved to be a great learning experience for participants like (from left) Amanda Wagle, Tamica Mosley, and Antorique Mosley.



Instructor Carter (back, left) also enjoyed teaching her adult/high-school students, including Jennifer Hunter (front), Barb Schultz (back, center), and Aurielle McCauley. (All classes were co-sponsored by the United States Tennis Association.)

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call the Center's new telephone number: 734-955-4120.)

Sign Up for the Senior Newsletter

The Romulus Senior Center is currently updating its mailing list for the monthly *Communicator* newsletter. To continue receiving the free newsletter (if you're already a subscriber), or to begin receiving it for the first time, just call the Center.

Senior Crafters Wanted

The Romulus Senior Center is looking for senior citizens who would like to take part in the Center's craft show during the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival, set for September 19-21. Although there is no charge for a table, space is limited, so early registration is strongly encouraged.

Senior Day at the Michigan State Fair

The Senior Center's van will be traveling to the Michigan State Fairgrounds on Monday, August 25, for "Senior Day at the Fair." Admission will be free for people age 60 and older. Space is limited; sign up now to reserve your seat.

Fishing Trip

The Romulus Senior Center has organized a fishing trip for Wednesday, August 27. A cost of just \$8 per person covers transportation (departing from the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m.), admission, and a picnic lunch. Additional fees will be charged for each trout (\$4.99 per pound; \$.30 per fish for cleaning) and catfish (\$4.49 per pound; \$.50 per fish for cleaning) caught.

Please note that fish *cannot* be thrown back in.

Bowling Meeting Set

A meeting to be held at the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2, will kick off this year's season for Monday bowling. Anyone interested in participating as a regular bowler or a substitute should try hard to attend. For further information, please call Mary at 734-721-3708.

Computers, Internet Service Available

Just a reminder that senior citizens who need access to a computer to learn or practice new skills may use the computers at the Romulus Senior Center, free of charge. Internet service is also available.

Appointments are strongly advised.

Yoga Class

The Romulus Senior Center has scheduled six classes of "Hatha Yoga" to be held each Monday at 10 a.m. beginning on September 8. The program – which will focus on flexibility, relaxation, gentle movements, and breathing – is open to everyone. There are no physical restrictions, since each person's program is geared toward his/her individual abilities. Just sign up, then show up wearing comfortable clothing!

Cost per each one-hour class is \$7 (payable at registration). Preregistration is required.

Walk to Help Save Lives

The American Cancer Society's annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk is a fun way to raise money for vital research, education, patient support, and more. To join the "Romulus Pride" for this event – which will be held at Belle Isle on Saturday, October 11, beginning with an 8:30 a.m. registration – just sign up at the Senior Center.

Breast cancer will strike more than 205,000 times this year and claim 40,000 lives. Join the battle against these scary statistics by Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, September 15, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, at the Center. As always, both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-955-4120) are welcome.

Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens. They include:

- ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.). □



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Zayne Levi Robbins

Proudly announcing the birth of their son, Zayne Levi Robbins, are Todd and Deanna Robbins of Romulus, Michigan.

Zayne was born in Southshore Hospital (Trenton, MI) at 11:11 a.m. Sunday, March 23, 2003, weighing in at 8 lbs., 3 oz., and measuring 21" in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival were his big brothers: Tyler (age

8), Colton (6), Bryce (4), and Mason (2).

Also giving Zayne a warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandmother, Shirley Hurt (Romulus); his maternal grandparents, Danny Dague (Romulus) and Delon and Susan Fowler (Mio, MI); and his paternal great-grandparents, Hank and Joyce Tkachuk (Romulus). □



(Clockwise from bottom center) Zayne, Tyler, Bryce, Mason, and Colton.

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Obituaries

Francis D. Sala, Sr.

Francis D. Sala, Sr. — a lifelong resident of Belleville, Michigan — passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, at the age of 76.

Francis was born in Willis, Michigan, on October 10, 1926, and was employed at Ford Motor Company's Ypsilanti plant for 43 years before his eventual retirement. A member of both the United Auto Workers and St. Anthony Catholic Church (Belleville), he loved to hunt and play cards.

Francis is survived by a son, Francis D. (Sue) Sala, Jr. (Riverview, MI); 3 sisters, Marcella (Melvin) Rusow (Romulus, MI), Sue (Lysle) Collier (Belleville), and Deanna Sala (Belleville); 3 grandchildren, Amy (Jasper)

Trachel, Dennis Sala, and Joel Sala; 1 great-granddaughter on the way; and several nieces and nephews.

Among those predeceasing him were his parents, Dennis and Victoria (Armatis) Sala; his wife, Maxine (Bohl) Sala (1978); and a daughter, Karen Sala (March 2002).

A funeral service was held Saturday, August 9, at David D. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville), with Pastor Robert J. White officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial contributions to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association would be greatly appreciated by the family.

William R. Watt

William R. Watt of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, August 3, 2003, at the age of 44.

Born in Lincoln Park, Michigan, on October 28, 1958, William liked the outdoors, fishing, and working on cars. He built beautiful kayaks and, being very handy, could fix almost anything.

William is survived by his mother, Shirley M. (Jones) Masten (Taylor, MI); a son, Phillip Raymond Watt (Monroe, MI); a daughter, Molly Marie Watt (Monroe); 5 brothers, Michael

(Peggy) Watt (Romulus), Patrick (Teri) Watt (Dearborn Heights, MI), Thomas (Debbie) Watt (Romulus), Joseph (Shelley) Watt (Romulus), and Richard (Glenn) Watt (CA); a sister, Gerri Watt (Taylor, MI); and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph J. Watt, and his stepfather, Nelson Masten.

Interment was at Huron Valley Cemetery (Flat Rock, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus). □

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